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1. DOT POUCHED TO EMBASSY, COPIES OF CCMS REPORT
NO. 21 THE FINAL REPORT OF THE ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY,
IN MAY 1974, TO BE FORWARDED TO DANISH OFFICIALS PRIOR
TO THE SPRING PLENARY IN TURN. EMBASSY'S DRAFT COPY
IS EARLIER VERSION WHICH WAS EXTENSIVELY AMENDED.

2. TEXT OF IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT.

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL
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SERVICES

THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE WITH REFERENCE TO THE
INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD SAFETY APPROVED BY
THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 28, 1973:

CONSIDERING THAT THE SURVIVAL AND SUBSEQUENT RECOVERY
OF SERIOUSLY INJURED VEHICLE OCCUPANTS OR PEDESTRIANS
DEPEND LARGELY ON HOW MUCH TIME ELAPSES AFTER THE CRASH

BEFORE PROPER EMERGENCY CARE AND DEFINITIVE MEDICAL
TREATMENT ARE ADMINISTERED;

CONSIDERING THAT CAREFULLY COORDINATED AND SMOOTHLY
FUNCTIONING COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORTATION, AND MEDICAL
TREATMENT ARRANGEMENTS CAN SAVE THE LIVES OF MANY
TRAFFIC VICTIMS WHO OTHERWISE WOULD DIE;

CONSIDERING THAT APART FROM SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING
TRAFFIC DEATHS, THE SAME EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS
CAN SAVE MANY LIVES IN OTHER MEDICAL AND SURGICAL
CRISES, SUCH AS HEART ATTACKS, BURNS, INGESTION OF
POISONS, AND INFANT ILLNESSES;

CONSIDERING THAT SYSTEMATIC NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS OF
EXISTING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS (EMS) AND INTER-
NATIONAL COOPERATION IN EVALUATING THESE ASSESSMENTS
CAN LEAD TO IDENTIFICATION OF PROGRAM ELEMENTS WHICH
CAN BE EXPANDED IN A COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER; AND

REGARDING THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROJECT UNDER
THE DIRECTION OF ITALY AS PART OF THE NATO CCMS
ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY AS HAVING IDENTIFIED THE MAJOR
ELEMENTS OF EFFECTIVE EMS PROGRAMS AND AS HAVING
DEVELOPED AND TESTED AN EMS ASSESSMENT MODEL;

DO HEREBY RESOLVE

TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS, ON AN APPROPRIATE
SAMPLING BASIS, TO OBTAIN DATA FOR ASSESSING
THE EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEMS TO AID VEHICLE CRASH
VICTIMS IN BOTH RURAL AND URBAN AREAS;

TO INTENSIFY EACH OF THEIR EMS PROGRAMS, ADAPTING TO THEIR
NEEDS THE FINDINGS OF THE EMS PROJECT OF THE CCMS ROAD
SAFETY PILOT STUDY, SO AS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER
OF DEATHS THAT OCCUR FROM THE TIME OF THE VEHICLE CRASH
TO THE DELIVERY OF INJURED VICTIMS TO A HOSPITAL;

TO - APPLY THE EMS ASSESSMENT MODEL, ADAPTING IT AS NECESSARY TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS, MAKING THE FINDINGS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS;

TO ASSESS THE NEED FOR EXPANDED TRAINING PROGRAMS OF BOTH PROFESSIONALS AND PARAPROFESSIONALS IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE FIELD, AND TO IMPLEMENT SUCH TRAINING PROGRAMS AS ARE FOUND TO BE REQUIRED;

TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A CONTINUING PROGRAM TO ASSESS THE BENEFITS AND COSTS OF EXISTING AND NEW EMS PRACTICES, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE USE OF HELICOPTERS, ADVANCED COMMAND AND CONTROL (COMMUNICATIONS) NETWORKS, CENTRALLY DISPATCHED AMBULANCES, CLOSED-CIRCUIT TV, AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS (SUCH AS TELEMETRY OF VITAL FUNCTION DATA FROM THE PICKUP POINT TO COMPUTERS IN REGIONAL OR NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTERS);

TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR EMS SYSTEMS AND INITIATE THE NECESSARY STATUTORY OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION AT FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS; AND

TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS ON THE RELEVANCE OF PROPER EMS SYSTEMS TO SAVING THE LIVES OF PEOPLE INJURED IN CRASHES. END TEXT.

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